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SENATE BILL

No. 377

Introduced by Senator Aanestad

February 21, 2007

~~An act to amend Section 44831 of, and to add Section 44265.4 to, the Education Code, relating to school employees. An act to amend Section 101.7 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 377, as amended, Aanestad. ~~Schools: certificated employees: speech-language pathologists. Highways: information signs.~~

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules and regulations that allow the placement near exits on freeways in rural areas of information signs identifying specific roadside businesses offering fuel, food, lodging, or camping services.

This bill would also require the department to adopt those rules and regulations to allow the placement near exits on freeways in rural areas of information signs identifying roadside businesses offering approved 24-hour pharmacy services.

~~(1) Existing law requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue preliminary and professional clear credentials in speech-language pathology to qualified individuals. Statutory provisions authorize the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue temporary and permanent~~

~~speech-language pathology licenses and audiology licenses to individuals meeting specified requirements.~~

~~This bill would require the commission to issue a professional clear credential to an individual who holds a permanent speech-language pathology license issued by the board and who has satisfied specified basic skills proficiency requirements.~~

~~(2) Existing law requires governing boards of school districts to employ persons in public school service requiring certification qualifications pursuant to other requirements, except that the governing board or a county office of education is permitted to contract with or employ an individual who holds a license issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board and has earned a master's degree in communication disorders to provide speech and language services if that individual meets the requirements of a specified criminal background check and has demonstrated basic skills proficiency before employment or execution of the contract.~~

~~This bill, instead, would authorize the governing board of a school district to contract with or employ that licensed individual without the individual demonstrating basic skills proficiency in a specified manner.~~

~~Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.~~

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 101.7 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:

3 101.7. (a) The department shall adopt rules and regulations
4 ~~which that~~ allow the placement near exits on freeways located in
5 rural areas; of information signs identifying specific roadside
6 businesses offering fuel, food, lodging, ~~or~~ camping services, *or*
7 *approved 24-hour pharmacy services* and ~~which that~~ prescribe the
8 standards for those signs.

9 (b) The department shall provide equal access to all business
10 applicants.

11 (c) The department shall not approve the placement of any sign
12 within any urban area designated by the United States Bureau of
13 the Census as having a population of 5,000 or more.

14 The department may not remove an information sign that was
15 placed before January 1, 2003, due solely to population growth in

1 an urban area that results in a population of 5,000 or more but less
2 than 10,000.

3 (d) The information signs may be placed near the freeway exits
4 in addition to, or in lieu of, other highway signs of the department,
5 but not in lieu of on-premises or off-premises highway oriented
6 business signs and directional signs.

7 (e) The department shall establish and charge a fee to place and
8 maintain information signs in an amount not less than 25 percent
9 above its estimated cost in placing and maintaining the information
10 signs. The department shall annually review the amount of that
11 fee and revise it as necessary. Funds derived from the imposition
12 of the fee, after deduction of the cost to the department for the
13 placement and maintenance of the information signs, shall be
14 available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for safety roadside
15 rest purposes.

16 SECTION 1. ~~Section 44265.4 is added to the Education Code,~~
17 ~~to read:~~

18 ~~44265.4. The commission shall issue a professional clear~~
19 ~~credential in speech-language pathology pursuant to Section~~
20 ~~44265.3 to an individual who satisfies both of the following:~~

21 (a) ~~Holds a valid, permanent speech-language pathology license~~
22 ~~issued by the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board~~
23 ~~pursuant to Chapter 5.3 (commencing with Section 2530) of~~
24 ~~Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.~~

25 (b) ~~Has satisfied the basic skills proficiency requirements~~
26 ~~described in Section 44830.~~

27 SEC. 2. ~~Section 44831 of the Education Code is amended to~~
28 ~~read:~~

29 ~~44831. Governing boards of school districts shall employ~~
30 ~~persons in public school service requiring certification~~
31 ~~qualifications as provided in this code, except that the governing~~
32 ~~board or a county office of education may contract with or employ~~
33 ~~an individual who holds a license issued by the Speech-Language~~
34 ~~Pathology and Audiology Board pursuant to Chapter 5.3~~
35 ~~(commencing with Section 2530) of Division 2 of the Business~~
36 ~~and Professions Code, and has earned a masters degree in~~
37 ~~communication disorders, but has not obtained a credential~~
38 ~~pursuant to Section 44265.4, to provide speech and language~~

- 1 ~~services if that individual meets the requirements of Section~~
- 2 ~~44332.6 before employment or execution of the contract.~~

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